

DEPARTMENTAL WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

INDEX OF ALL UNCLE SAM'S PUBLICATIONS

Mammoth Work Being Compiled by Dr. Ames, of the Interior Department Document Division—"Perpetual Light" in the Swamps of Mississippi.

One of the most accomplished men in the Government service is Dr. John G. Ames, chief of the division of documents in the Interior Department. He commenced life as a minister of the Episcopal church, and was well known in the State of New York as a minister. He is a newspaper and magazine writer of eminence and has written a great deal for the Washington papers. He is well versed in the history of the Interior Department, and is one of the authorities of the office on matters of date and record.

Dr. Ames is now engaged in the work of preparing a comprehensive index of the publications of the United States Government. In this index will be found a guide to all the publications made by the Government, and by this means great storehouses of knowledge will be unlocked. The Government is an active publisher, and has covered every sort of subject. The Interior Department has been charged with the preparation of this enormous index, which will be one of the biggest things ever attempted in the publication line.

Dr. Ames first came to the department in 1878. He has been at the head of the division of documents for several years. He is a son-in-law of Secretary Delano, who was Secretary of the Interior for many years ago. The document section is quite extensive, and in the course of a year the force of employees under the venerable and affable chief sent out a large number of publications on many subjects. One of the tasks of the division is the sending out of the statistics of the United States, which are printed in a bulky volume.

The Government maintains one "Perpetual Light." It shines in one of the dreariest places in the world, out in the Mississippi swamps, and has not failed to shine for many years. It is located between Lake Borgne and the Mississippi sound and is seldom reached by any mariner or wayfarer. It stands out in the marsh and is visible from some of the railroads. Without any cheerful prospects, overhung with miasma, mist, compassed by filthy air, and the sea, among matted weeds and rank mud, the light goes on perpetually. The winds do not blow it out and it never explodes. Every three years James Young, a Government employee, goes out in a small boat and fights his way to the lighthouse and loads up the lone sentinel with oil. Its name is "Perpetual Light."

Mr. Fred Hall, referee of the proof room of the Government Printing Office, has one of the most delicate and responsible jobs in the big office. There are necessarily differences of opinion as to style in so large a force of proofreaders, and Mr. Hall has the settlement of these disputes. He is an able and hard-working man and has come to be an authority on the many questions which arise in connection with the public printing. He is personally very popular in the city. He is a native of Philadelphia.

Mr. A. N. Coffee and other employees of the Interior Department have had copies made of the famous "General Order No. 3," the pathetic document which ended the war between the States. This famous order was sent out by Gen. R. E. Lee on the battlefield of Appomattox in April, 1865, disbanding the army of Northern Virginia. It is short, but full of meaning, and the hopelessness of the further struggle, the devotion of the soldiers and the blessings of peace are eloquently sketched.

Mr. Coffee secured the privilege of making copies from one of the original copies circulated by official order. Mr. L. N. Chapman, a resident of this city and a former employee of the Interior Department, has one of the first copies of the order and prizes it above all his worldly goods. He was under General Lee and was a witness to the sad scenes of Appomattox, and from his copy are made the ones now being circulated.

Mr. William Schwartz, of Martinsburg, W. Va., is one of the efficient messengers of the Interior Department. He is noted for faithfulness and kindness. He came from the region of West Virginia which has improved much in late years and which has several notable manufacturing establishments. There are few parts of the country which have more natural beauty and better prospects than the Martinsburg section. It is often visited by Washington people who have brief vacations.

Prof. James E. Benedict, an assistant curator in the Smithsonian Institution, is an enthusiastic collector of the pelts of wild animals. He has for many years been getting together a collection of skins and it embraces the hide of every kind of quadruped known in North America. Prof. Benedict has offered this splendid collection to Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and it has been accepted. He graduated there in 1880.

Mr. Frederick E. Rittman, auditor for the War Department, is custodian of one of the largest collections of records extant. There are nearly eleven miles of shelves, and each shelf is piled high with closely packed documents. These all pertain to the doings of our army in the civil and Spanish wars, settlements and records of disbursing officers, commissaries, settlements with soldiers, medical officers, paymasters of the army, officers of the Ordnance Department, members of the Engineers Corps and others of the United States Army. They are contained in two shabby buildings used for offices some distance from the War Department, though pertaining thereto. The papers were recently weighed and measured by Auditor Rittman and his assistants, and much to their surprise it was discovered that there are 240 tons of the records, and that they cover nearly eleven miles of shelving.

A large force is employed mending the musty rolls, and other documents. Having been so long folded and packed, the paper cracks in the folds and is mended by pasting transparent vellum of a peculiarly thin, strong sort over the cracks. The vellum is cut into strips of suitable length, the paste is already prepared, and all that is to be done is to

dash the one upon the other and lay it smoothly over the crack.

These records are searched by people looking up military records. Often large civil causes hang on these records in cases where military boundaries are concerned.

Mr. Marcellus Cashman, one of the faithful watchmen at the Patent Office, has been sick for a few weeks. He is one of the best-known men on the force and is noted for strict fidelity. He has a strenuous life and during the dark days after the war in Mississippi, his State, was an actor in stirring scenes.

Mr. D. W. Dwight, of the Government Printing Office, has been on a trip to the North coast. He spent some of his vacation at Saratoga and at Narragansett. Mr. Dwight is a favorite in the office and has acquired a reputation as a traveler and a witness of gay scenes.

Mr. James H. Clear is one of the foremost men on the roll of employees in the office of the Secretary of the Interior. He has been connected with the department for many years and is a skilled accountant. The rolls of the disbursing office, with which he is connected, are extensive and complicated. Mr. Clear is a native of the District and has been in the disbursing office since 1880.

Miss Mary Wells, of the recorder's division of the General Land Office, has returned from an extended Western trip. She was away from the office for four weeks and visited several parts of Montana. She was for a while at Colorado Springs.

The progress of the topographic mapping of Pennsylvania, which is being conducted by the United States Geological Survey in co-operation with the State, has been excellent, according to Mr. H. M. Wilson, geographer in charge of the work. During June two parties were in the field, engaged in mapping six districts of the State. The large party, under Mr. Frank Sutton, topographer, assisted by Messrs. Phillips, Daingerfield, and Foster, field assistants, was engaged in work on sections to be known as the Honesdale, Curwensville, Patton, Osceola, and Pottsville quadrangles. In twenty-seven days 37 square miles were mapped, 315 miles of spirit levels were run, and 12 permanent bench marks and 1,020 useful elevations were established. The party also ran 280 miles of rod traverse, erected stations, and erected signals.

Messrs. J. H. Wheat and E. B. Clark, topographers, were engaged in mapping the section surrounding Eldersridge, of which they completed 92 square miles. The work will be continued through the remainder of the season.

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The following changes and promotions at the city Postoffice, to take effect on October 1, were announced this morning by Postmaster Merritt.

Mr. H. A. Custer, cashier at the city Postoffice, has handed in his resignation, and Mr. N. Allen Merritt, present superintendent of stations, succeeded him. Mr. Albert J. Xanten, clerk at the city Postoffice, succeeds Mr. Merritt as station B on East Capitol Street, where he resigned his position, to be succeeded by Mr. Benjamin Parkhurst, who present superintendent of a station G, and Mr. L. J. Robinson, present chief clerk at station G, becomes superintendent of that station.

TWO PRIVATES KILLED IN MINDANAO BATTLE

General Chaffee, at Manila, has made the following telegraphic report of casualties:

Killed in an engagement at Vicars, island of Mindanao, August 12, Company G, Tenth regiment Infantry: James Foley and Henry C. Carey. Seriously wounded: Otis Van Dorn. Slightly wounded: Peter Christenson.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH MANY LAWN FESTIVALS

Those Postponed Will Be Held Tonight, Weather Permitting.

The rain last evening played havoc with the lawn fete and other outdoor gatherings that had been planned. The postponement was so severe and came at such a time that, without an exception, it was necessary to defer the celebrations until such time as the weather might permit. Most of the postponed fetes will be held this evening, if the weather permits.

The most pretentious fete that were interfered with were those at the benefit of the building fund of the Georgetown University Hospital on the university campus, and one for the benefit of the Church of the Sacred Heart, on the lawn north of the church on Fourteenth Street northwest, above Whitney Avenue. At neither of these places was any serious damage done to anything other than the decorations, which will be easily replaced.

Out in Tenleytown the promoters of the annual harvest feast for the benefit of the Elbrook Methodist Episcopal Church were not to be so easily overcome, and held their meeting in the church building proper. A large crowd was in attendance, and the affair was in every way a success. The feast will continue tonight, when a still larger crowd is expected to be in attendance.

MANILA NEWSPAPER MEN DEMAND JURY

Sedition Law to Be Tested by "Freedom."

Will Appeal to United States Supreme Court—Advices Received at War Department.

The right of trial by jury in the Philippines is to be contested in the courts at Manila. The War Department is advised that the attorney for the editor and publisher of the "Manila Freedom" has filed a demand with the court of first instance for a jury trial on the charge of sedition.

The application is made under the clause in the Philippine Government bill denying trials by jury, but providing for appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States of all insular cases in which there is involved more than \$5,000, the contention in the "Freedom" case being that the defendants have suffered more than that amount by reason of their arrest.

It is the intention to have the Supreme Court pass upon the question in controversy. When the Philippine civil government bill was under consideration at the last session of Congress the minority labored for weeks to have the entire bill of rights incorporated in the measure.

TENLEYTOWN TO HAVE TEMPORARY STATION

Frame Building for Police Recommended by Major Sylvester.

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ROSS MEMORIAL MAY BE A BRONZE TABLET

Executive Committee to Report This Afternoon.

CLERKS HOLD MASS MEETING

Bust of Late District Commissioner Also Under Consideration and Bronze Monument a Third Suggestion—Subscriptions Not Limited to Employees.

A mass meeting of the employees of the District Building is being held this afternoon to consider the report of the executive committee of the Ross Memorial. This committee was appointed at a former meeting of the District employees and has been considering for some time the best form of the memorial to be set up at the new District Building as a memento of the late Commissioner.

Several plans have been discussed by the committee, including a portrait, a bust, a bronze tablet and a bronze monument, the three first to go inside the building, and the last to be erected on the triangular space outside the building.

A Bronze Tablet.

The committee today will present a report giving approximately the cost of the several forms of the memorial suggested, and leave the meeting to decide which it will be best to erect. So far as opinion can be foreshadowed by informal expressions by numerous employees of the District the memorial will probably be a bronze tablet to be borne upon its front the profile of the late Commissioner with proper ornamentation and a legend setting forth his services to the municipality.

The committee in charge of the subscriptions have been quietly working and it is understood that a considerable sum has already been pledged for the object. This committee will also report this afternoon, and it is likely that the form of the memorial may be affected somewhat by the amount of money in sight to pay for it.

It is not the purpose of the committee to confine the contributions to the memorial to the employees of the District, but to give any friend of Mr. Ross a chance to contribute to the project.

SUPERINTENDENT PUT UNDER A HEAVY BOND

Must Answer Charge of Homicide in Gas Tank Accident.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—John Murphy, the superintendent of the steel works for the new gas tank being built for the Brooklyn Union Gaslight Company at Wythe Avenue and North Twelfth Street, Williamsburg, where five men were killed yesterday afternoon by the collapse of a steel floor weighing more than 200 tons, was arraigned in the Lee Avenue police court before Magistrate O'Reilly today on the charge of homicide. The magistrate released Murphy in \$5,000 bail.

Murphy said in court that he could not account for the accident. He said that every precaution was taken to have the immense weight of the steel floor properly supported and the men working under it protected. Coroner Williams said today that he would make a thorough investigation.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION ENTOMBS MINERS

Fatal Accident to Workmen at Cardiff, Wales.

CARDIFF, Wales, Sept. 4.—A terrific and fatal explosion occurred in the Maclaren colliery at Abertsweg at midnight last night destroying a great portion of the workings, and entombing ninety-six men.

The rescue work began as soon as possible, and all through the night rescuers toiled, bringing men to the surface. Of those recovered many were alive, though badly injured. This morning it is estimated that twelve persons lost their lives, and seventeen others were seriously injured.

ENGLISH SOLDIERS IN THE BOER WAR

Statement Giving Numbers From Beginning to End of Struggle.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—A Parliamentary paper issued this morning, reviewing the Boer war, shows that England employed 17,550 officers and 429,870 men in South Africa from the beginning to the end of the struggle.

Of this number 718 officers and 5,256 men were killed; 1,855 officers and 20,973 men were wounded, and 554 officers and 15,015 men died of wounds and disease.

VAST HEAPS OF HUMAN BONES DISCOVERED

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The Paris correspondent of the "Times" says that while the foundations of barracks at Toulon were being laid the bones of more than 1,000 persons were discovered. They were in layers, without a trace of coffins.

DATE SET FOR EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION

Will Be Held September 29 and 30 at Wesley Chapel.

The twelfth annual convention of the District of Columbia Epworth League will be held September 29 and 30 at Wesley Chapel. At a meeting of the board of control, presided over by Mr. E. S. La Petra, last evening, at the offices of the American University Park Company, in Tenleytown, a tentative program was arranged. Department conferences and addresses by prominent Epworthians will be made on the first evening, and on the next the business of the convention will be transacted.

The board of control will meet again on September 17 at Wesley Chapel. At this meeting an amendment to the constitution will be offered, making the missionary officer a member of the cabinet to be elected at the annual convention instead of being appointed by the vice president of the league.

SYNDICATE TO BUILD NEW CUP DEFENDER

New York Yacht Club Taking Active Interest.

Boat to Contest With Constitution and Columbia for the Honor of Holding the Trophy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The news that Sir Thomas Lipton is soon to issue a third challenge for the America's Cup has aroused great interest among the members of the New York Yacht Club. There is a story afloat that Commodore Ledyard would have a syndicate to build a boat which would contest with Columbia and Constitution the honor of defending the Cup. It is said that several yachtsmen discussed at Mr. Ledyard's office yesterday afternoon plans for meeting the expected invasion of the Irish baronet.

There is little doubt that Nat Herreshoff has been approached already by agents of a new syndicate, of which it is not improbable that C. Oliver Iselin is a member, and that estimates have been furnished by the Bristol builder for a new boat.

Well-informed members say that the club will be represented by a new craft, and that C. Oliver Iselin, the best equipped amateur in America, will be the man in charge. If this proves to be true, the trial races will be the most interesting ever held.

KING'S PALACE DEPARTMENT STORES

810-812-814-7th Street - 1715-Market Space - McCall's Fall and Winter Patterns on Sale Here.

New Fall Skirts, Suits, Millinery, and many other articles which the changing season necessitates buying are to be had during this

GREEN TICKET SALE

tomorrow at prices which admit of the most splendid savings.

Two Offerings Fall Suits.

\$6.95 For new "Gibson" Blouse and Skirt Suits, with and without velvet collars, with skirts stitched heavily around bottoms, and stout seams; in Oxford and light grays and blacks.

Choice of these \$5 Walking Skirts. \$2.95

Lot of Women's Walking Skirts, in blue and black—made with strap seams, heavily stitched bottoms—\$2.95 instead of \$5.

Reefers, . . . \$1.48.

Lot of Children's Plain and mixed Cloth Reefers, in tans, blues, greens and grays, with sailor collars; handsomely trimmed; sold originally for \$2.98 and \$4.50; Green Ticket price \$1.48.

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MR. WEDDERBURN SUED TO ANNUL CONVEYANCE

Alleged Fictitious Sale to Mrs. Wedderburn.

Isaac G. Thorne Says Defendant Disposed of Property When Judgment Was Rendered Against Him.

Isaac G. Thorne today filed suit in equity against John Wedderburn and his wife, B. Fox Wedderburn, and the American Security and Trust Company, as executor, of the will of the late Virginia M. Hughes, to set aside the conveyance of a certain piece of realty to Mrs. Wedderburn.

It is set forth that in September, 1901, the firm of Blandford & Bradbury secured a judgment for \$100 against Mr. Wedderburn and that about the time the proceedings were instituted he caused his property to be conveyed to his wife, Messrs. Blandford & Bradbury conveyed this claim against Wedderburn to the complainant. Attorney Clayton E. Emig appears for the complainant.

LOCAL MENTION.

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A DOG SAVES TWO MEN'S LIVES IN MINE

TAMAQUA, Pa., Sept. 4.—Samuel Mantz, a watchman and Christopher Morris, coal and iron policeman, employed at No. 12 colliery, would probably have perished last night but for the sagacity of a dog owned by Morris. The men fell thirty-five feet into a mine breach where they lay unconscious and badly hurt. The dog went from the camp at the colliery and succeeded in making the men understand that something had happened. Several men followed the dog and effected a rescue.

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Friday's Bargain List

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500 yards Mottled Flannel, in Brown and Blue; this is 12½c kind—yard . . . 83c

1,000 yards White Dot and Flannel; ¾ yard wide; 8c kind—yard . . . 50c

750 yards odds and ends Ducks, Palmer's Cotton Covers, in light blue, green, red, brown and navy; French Pique, in light blue, pink, red and white. These are worth from 12½c to 50c. For Friday, per yard . . . 9½c

500 yards Fine White Lawn, 40 inches wide, for maids' and children's wear; 12½c grade . . . 9½c

70 dozen ¾ Pure Linen Full Bleached Irish Damask Napkins; cut 12½c . . . \$1.00

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